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H.277

Introduced by Representatives Donnally of Hyde Park, Higley of Lowell,
Noyes of Wolcott, Patt of Worcester, Rogers of Waterville,
Scheuermann of Stowe, and Yacovone of Morristown

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal and county government; state of emergency; zoning;
homeless shelters

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow towns
to waive zoning permit procedures for homeless shelters during a declared
state of emergency.

An act relating to permitting homeless shelters during a declared state of
emergency

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 47 is added to read:

§ 47. EMERGENCY PERMITTING FOR HOMELESS SHELTERS

(a) During an emergency declared under this chapter, a municipality may
waive its procedures under 24 V.S.A. chapter 117 for an application for a
municipal land use permit if the application is for a homeless shelter.

1 (b) Within 30 days of the end of the declared state of emergency, a
2 homeless shelter impacted by subsection (a) of this section shall apply for a
3 municipal land use permit if the shelter will continue to operate after the state
4 of emergency has ended.

5 (c) As used in this section, “homeless shelter” means a building that
6 provides temporary living accommodations to individuals who are homeless.

7 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on passage.